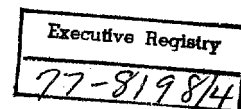


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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Eloise R. Page
Chief, Policy & Coordination Staff/DDO

VIA: Deputy Director for Operations

SUBJECT: Paragraph Security Markings

REFERENCE: A. CIA Comments on Draft NFIB Memorandum
on Paragraph Security Markings,
24 June 1977, from C/P&PG/DDI
(ER 77-8198/3)

B. DDCI Note to DDI, Same Subject, 5 July
1977 (no ER number)

1. Reference A transmitted proposed CIA comments on the draft NFIB memorandum on paragraph security markings. Reference B indicated that unless you received persuasive arguments to the contrary, you intended to agree with the staff position (on paragraph security markings) except for

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2. We are in full agreement with the staff position that the draft NFIB memorandum be modified to provide for authority to grant exceptions to the requirement for paragraph markings. We continue to believe that there are a number of factors bearing on DO information reports which would argue for exceptions. These are as follows:

a. We are concerned that a requirement for paragraph markings for all DO reporting, with no provision for exceptions, would be an obstacle to rapid transmittal of the information to the customers. Since DO reports are prepared in field stations, a detailed review to determine proper classification and controls of each paragraph of a given report would mean additional time would have to be spent on the report before it could be transmitted. In some cases the additional time would be slight, and in other instances the delay could be quite significant, depending on the report and operational circumstances prevailing in individual stations.

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